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LETTER TO COMMISSION

To: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

From: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

Date: April 27, 2016

Subject: MetroLab Network

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide an update on the request to engage the MetroLab Network to identify and form a city/university collaboration to focus on "research, development, and deployment" (RD&D) projects that offer technologically- and analytically-based solutions for challenges facing city infrastructure, services, and other public sector priorities. City administration will be attending the upcoming summit in early May 2016 and is working with local universities to determine partnership opportunities as it relates to planned and/or current projects.

The Network was launched as part of the White House's Smart Cities Initiative and will leverage university expertise to address challenges facing cities and regions across the country. The goals of the Network are:

- Enable the city-university partnerships to share their projects to ensure their broad dissemination and adoption, including the development and sharing of the infrastructural tools required to support the scaling of promising solutions and deploying best practices across the network.
- Identify common issues shared by multiple metro areas that can best be solved by multi-city, multi-university collaboration.
- Create a platform for Network members to jointly plan and seek funding resources to support multi-city projects.

Following the MetroLab Network Spring Summit, the deadline for the next application cycle will be announced.

We will continue to update you on our progress. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



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